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HALIFAX County, NORTH CAROLINA, July 25, 1777.

TO BE SOLD, at public Sale, at the House of the Subscribers, on the *Western Branch*, in *Nansmond County, Virginia*, on Monday the first Day of *September* next, all their Household and Kitchen Furniture, most of which are almost new, and of the very best Quality, three Negroes, and a valuable Collection of Books, with a Quantity of Coffee and Allspice. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, and Bond, with approved Security, will be required. At the same Time will be rented as above, the Houses and other Improvements, lately occupied by them, for one, two, or three Years, as will be most agreeable to the Person wanting them. As we intend soon to leave the Continent, we desire all Persons who have Claims against us in *Virginia*, to bring them in and receive Payment from Mr. *John Macdonwall*, or Mr. *John Halbert* in *Nansmond*, with whom those indebted to us are requested to make Settlements, and grant Bond, or other Specialties, for their respective Balances. Any Claims that may be against us in *North Carolina* will be answered by applying to Mr. *Archibald Hamilton* in *Halifax*, Mr. *John Hamilton* at *Newbern*, and Mr. *James Martin* in *Wake County*, to whom it is hoped those having Claims will make Application for Payment as soon as possible; it is also requested that all Persons indebted to them in that State will apply as above, and grant Bonds for their respective Balances before their Departure.

ARCHIBALD HAMILTON, & Co.

WILLIAMSBURG, August 7, 1777.

TO BE SOLD, and entered on immediately, a valuable House on the Market Square in this City, with 4 handsome Rooms below neatly papered, and a Fire Place in each, with 3 Closets, and 6 Rooms above, with dry Cellars under the Whole, a good Kitchen and Laundry, with Closets, a Brick Dairy, Corn House, Smokehouse, Stable, and Coach Houses, with a Flower and Kitchen Garden, well paled in; also a small House adjoining, with 2 Rooms and Fire Places, a good Cellar, and Yard, the Whole in good Repair. With the above Houses may be had, all or any Part of the following valuable Furniture, viz. Mahogany Dining Tables, Pembroke, Card, Toilet, and other Tables, large and small handsome Looking Glasses, an eight Day Clock, Mahogany Chairs, with Brocade, and Furniture Bottoms, green Passage Chairs, Carpets, and Carpeting, a large Mahogany Plate Case, with Glass Doors, a Mahogany Bureau, on Brass Castors, a Tea Urn with a Mahogany Stand, Beds, Bedsteads, and Curtains, Tea, and Table China, Bowls, and ornamental China, japanned, Glass, and Queen's Ware, a Brass Grate, a Bath Stove, Handirons, Brass and Wire Fenders, a good Jack, and a Quantity of Kitchen Furniture, also a large imported Flour Mill, with a Variety of other Articles too tedious to mention. The Terms may be known by applying to the Subscriber, on the Premises, who intends leaving this State in a short Time, and requests those who have any Claims against him immediately to apply for Payment, and all who are indebted to him, either by Bond or Account, will be so good to discharge their several Balances as soon as possible.

JOHN BAKER.

JULY 10, 1777.

I DO hereby forewarn all Persons from crediting my Wife *Sarah Matthews*, as I will not be answerable for any Debts she may contract; and I do forwarn all Persons from entertaining or harbouring her in their Houses, as they must answer it hereafter at their Peril.

THOMAS MATTHEWS.

FOR SALE, 700 Acres of LAND about 6 Miles from the Falls of *Nuce River*, in *Wake County, North Carolina*, it is exceeding good for Tobacco, Wheat, *Indian Corn*, &c. lies well, a beautiful and pleasant Situation for building, very well watered, good Range for Stock, &c. situated in a very healthy Part of the Country, about 60 Miles from *Halifax*, and about 73 from *Cross Creek*. Any person inclinable to purchase the same may apply to Mr. *Drury Harris* in *Wake County*, for Terms, &c. Also for Sale, 700 Acres of LAND in *Bute* and *Granville Counties*, on *Whetstone Creek*, betwixt *Burton's Ferry* and *Callur's Ordinary*; this Land is kind and good for Corn, Oats, Rye, &c. For Terms apply to the Subscriber. (51) JESSE BENTON.

JULY 15, 1777.

TO BE SOLD, by the Subscriber in *Granville County, North Carolina*, the Tract of Land whereon he now lives, about 11 Miles from *Sir Peyton Skipwith's Ferry*, containing 1000 Acres, great Part of which is excellent Tobacco Land, on which is a commodious Dwelling-House with 4 Rooms below and 4 above Stairs, neatly finished, a good Kitchen and Spinning Room, Smokehouse, Dairy, and every Outhouse necessary for a Family, a Garden neatly paled in, and Orchards that contains 350 Apple Trees of choice Fruit, also an exceeding convenient Storehouse and Compting Room adjoining, with a Brick Chimney, a Lumber House, and a House calculated for a Tavern, two Rooms below and two above Stairs, plastered and whitewashed, with a Brick Chimney, Kitchen, Stable, and a Smith's Shop. A Tract of Land in *Casswell County*, on both Sides of *Mayo Creek*, about 15 Miles from the above, containing 300 Acres, all prime Tobacco Land, and on which is a good Dwelling-House and other Outhouses, a fine Peach Orchard, and adjoining is an Entry of 640 Acres, Part of which is very good for Tobacco, and there is a tolerable Plantation with some necessary Houses on it. Also a Tract in the said County, about two Miles from the above, containing 100 Acres of choice Tobacco Land, on which there are necessary Houses; likewise an Entry of 640 Acres adjoining, with a middling Plantation, and some few Houses; a Tract in the said County, on the Branches of *Tar River*, containing 340 Acres, Part of which is very good Tobacco Land, and inferior to none in that County for Range; a Tract in the same County, containing 100 Acres, and an Entry of 640 Acres adjoining; both of those Tracts are within about six Miles of *General Person's*; and a Tract in the County of *Halifax, Virginia*, on *Warren's Creek*, containing 160 Acres. Twelve Months Credit will be given. An undoubted Title will be made the Purchasers, and Bond with good Security, will be required.

THOMAS MUTTER.

RUN away from the Subscriber, in *Amelia County*, the 19th of last June, a large young Mulatto Fellow named SAM, of the *Indian Breed*. I expect he is in *James City County*, as he has a Mother who lives there with one Mr. *Francis Riddleburgh*. I will give THREE POUNDS to any Person who will take up the said Slave, and confine him so that I get him again. (21) DANIEL HARDAWAY.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

LOST by the Subscriber, on Friday the 4th Instant (July) a red Morocco Leather Pocket Book with about TWENTY EIGHT POUNDS Paper Currency, besides Accounts and other Papers of Consequence, amounting in the Whole to upwards of one Hundred Pounds. One 5l. Bill of the *James River Bank Notes*, one Bill of 30 Dollars, one of 10 Dollars, one of 8 Dollars, one of 7 Dollars, and one of 6 Dollars. The Numbers, and some other Bills I cannot recollect. The Evening of the Day on which I lost the Book, I went to Mr. *John Kerby's*, in the lower End of *Charles Parish, York County*, within a Mile of where I lived, and after staying about an Hour at Mr. *Kerby's* I got upon my Horse, and had not rode five Paces before I missed the Book out of my Pocket. Whoever will deliver the said Book and Contents shall receive the above Reward, paid by

(11) THOMAS HANSFORD, Senior.

JULY 21, 1777.

WANTED immediately, for the celebrated and well known Brig of War STURDY BEGGAR, under the Command of JAMES CAMPBELL, Esq; now fitting out at *Newbern, North Carolina*, for a short Cruise against the Enemies of the Thirteen United States, a few good SEAMEN and MARINES. The *Sturdy Beggar* is allowed to be the handsomest Vessel ever built in *America*; is completely furnished with all Kinds of warlike Stores, Ammunition, &c. is remarkable for fast sailing, having never chafed a Vessel but she came up with.

For the Encouragement of such Seamen as may choose to enter on Board said Vessel, TWENTY DOLLARS Bounty will be given and their Expenses paid from hence to *Newbern*. Such Seamen and Marines are requested to repair to said Vessel immediately, that she may be got to Sea in Time for the grand *Jamaica Fleet*; of the sailing and Rows of which there is the most undoubted Intelligence received. Prize Masters, also Petty Officers, are wanting. (11)

CHARLESTOWN (S. C.) June 30.

LAST Saturday the 28th of June, being the first anniversary of the defeat of the British Squadron, under Commodore Sir Peter Parker, off Fort Moultrie, on Sullivan's Island, the key of this capital, was celebrated in such a manner as became the sons of freedom. The morning was ushered in with the ringing of bells. The second regiment, the heroes of the 28th of June, attended divine service at St. Michael's church, where the Rev. Mr. Purcell, Chaplain to the regiment, preached a sermon suitable to the occasion. The Rev. Mr. Lewis, Rector of St. Paul's, preached at Fort Moultrie. At noon all the vessels in the harbour fired, the fort saluted at one o'clock; and the Charlestown regiment of militia, being paraded, fired three general volleys. The commissioned officers of the second regiment dined with their Colonel, Isaac Motte, Esq; the non-commissioned officers and privates of that gallant regiment partook of a collation provided for them by the Ladies; and General Claiborn gave an entertainment in Fort Moultrie. The Palmetto Society (established by a number of real friends to their country) to commemorate the glorious 28th of June, gave an elegant entertainment at Mr. Valk's long room, at which were present his Excellency the President, his Honour the Vice President, the members of the Honourable the Privy Council, the principal officers of the government, the French and other Gentlemen in town, in the whole to the number of about three hundred. French horns sounded during the time of dinner; and the cloth being removed, the following thirteen toasts were first drank, accompanied by several fine salutes (thirteen guns each) from two brass field-pieces, viz. The health of the victors on the twenty eighth of June, 1776.—To the memory of the ten who fell in defence of America on the twenty eighth of June, General Moultrie. The brave serjeant Jasper. May Fort Moultrie be ever as fatal to an enemy as it was on the 28th of June. May the second regiment ever maintain the honour it has won. May American troops, in the day of battle, remember the twenty eighth of June. The Congress. The American arms. The true sons and friends of America. May the Britons be just. May the independence and name of America be of equal duration. Success to South Carolina; and then, among many others, the following, viz. General Washington. The brave but unfortunate General Lee. The immortal memory of the great General Montgomery. The Honourable John Hancock. General Gadsden and the garrison of Fort Moultrie. The immortal memory of Dr. Warren. The American navy. About eight in the evening the company broke up, when the fireworks, that had been prepared, were played off, particularly at the gate before Mr. Valk's long room, where two noble palmeto trees, prepared for the occasion, were seen bearing fireworks really elegant. The town was then illuminated in a more general and superb manner than ever it had been; and the evening was happily concluded without any such accidents as might have been feared as the consequences of so general a festivity and illumination. The Charlestown company of artillery dined together upon this occasion, at Liberty Tree; and the volunteer company of fusiliers, at Mr. Philip Will's.

July 5. Two armed brigs belonging to this port, commanded by Charles and Francis Morgan, arrived off the west end of Bermuda June 22. The Galatea's tender and a decoy boat lay in harbour, but Captain Morgan not being able to procure a pilot, the former escaped in the night to Castle harbour, where lay the Nautilus unrigged, with her guns ashore. The brigs got into the western harbour next day, where they were fired at from a fort of 5 guns, which was immediately abandoned on their giving it a broadside; it was soon afterwards razed, and the guns spiked by the brigs crews. They put to sea on the 16th, and next day took the sloop Ann, William Bray, master, from Honduras for Rotterdam, with mahogany, which is since arrived. A brig from Bristol for St. Augustine, with a valuable cargo of dry goods, had put into Bermuda.

July 7. Friday last being the first anniversary of the glorious formation of the American empire, when Thirteen Colonies, driven by necessity, threw off the yoke, and rejected the tyranny of Great Britain, by declaring themselves free, independent, and sovereign States, the same was commemorated by every demonstration of joy. Ringing of bells ushered in the Day. At sun-rise American colours were displayed from all the forts and batteries, and vessels in the harbour. The Charlestown regiment of militia, commanded by the Hon. Col. Charles Pinckney, and the Charlestown artillery company, commanded by Captain Thomas Grimbail, were assembled upon the parade, and reviewed by his Excellency the President, who was attended upon this occasion by his Honour the Vice President and the Honourable the members of the Privy Council. At one o'clock the several forts, beginning at fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island, discharging seventy six pieces of cannon, alluding to the glorious year 1776, and the militia and artillery fired three general

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volleys. His Excellency the President then gave a most elegant entertainment in the Council Chamber, at which were present all the members of the legislature then in town, all the public officers civil and military, the clergy, and many strangers of note, to the amount of more than double the number that ever observed the birthday of the present misguided and unfortunate King of Great Britain. After dinner the following toasts were drank, viz. 1. The free, independent, and sovereign States of America. 2. The Great Council of America—may wisdom preside in all its deliberations. 3. General Washington. 4. The American army and navy—may they be victorious and invincible. 5. The nation in friendship or alliance with America. 6. The American Ambassadors at foreign courts. 7. The fourth of July, 1776. 8. The memory of the officers and soldiers who have bravely fallen in defence of America. 9. South Carolina. 10. May only those Americans enjoy freedom who are ready to die for its defence. 11. Liberty triumphs. 12. Confusion, shame, and disgrace, to our enemies—may the loss to America (due to tyranny) humble and fall before her. 13. May the rising States of America reach the summit of human power and grandeur, and enjoy every blessing. Each toast being succeeded by a salute of thirteen guns, which were fired by Capt. Grimbail's company from their two field pieces with admirable regularity. The day having been spent in festivity and the most conspicuous joy and harmony, the evening was concluded with illuminations, &c. far exceeding any that had ever been exhibited before.

PORTSMOUTH (New Hampshire) July 12.

FRIDAY the 4th of July, being the anniversary of American independence, the day was celebrated with joy and festivity; the forts and batteries fired a number of cannon. Capt. Thompson gave a general invitation to all true friends to American independency, to repair on board the continental frigate, at 12 o'clock, where a cold collation was provided to refresh the visitors; at one o'clock the following toast was drank throughout the ship, prosperity, freedom, and independency, to the Thirteen United States of America; which was proclaimed by firing thirteen guns on board the frigate. Secondly, the guns from the French ship, and the Portsmouth private ship of war, which was succeeded with three cheers from the Raleigh, and answered by the other ships, and a large concourse of people which were assembled on the wharfs, to testify their joy and approbation on this ever memorable day, which ought never to be forgot by all the true lovers of liberty.

BOSTON, July 17.

WE have an account that Weeks, who carried Dr. Franklin home, had purchased and fitted out at France a small cruiser, with an American commission, which came across a vessel bound from England for a port in Germany, with a large quantity of cash and other valuable articles, in order to pay the Prince of Hesse, &c. for the many poor souls they have lost; the vessel hailed the cruiser to know who she was; the answer was, "a smuggler." And after a sufficient number of the cruiser's hands had got on board, they smuggled her into a port in France, together with the whole budget of cash and new intelligence from America; copies of which, we hear, are forwarded to Congress. The British Ambassador, we hear, demanded the cash, which however was not delivered up, nor intended to be, when our last advices came away.

The public are not appalled, though extremely uneasy at the news of the evacuation of Ticonderoga and Mount Independence. The States have sufficient resources left, and the success of the enemy there may finally turn out to their disadvantage. This however can be no good reason for a council of General officers to determine to abandon it to the enemy with all its stores, and without resistance. Nothing since the commencement of the war has created so general a dissatisfaction. We would, however, avoid any hasty and partial conclusions. Our accounts at present are not very particular. We shall sooner have fuller ones, which will be given to the public. The candid will be glad to find sufficient reasons for such an unexpected event, and for every step that has led to it. There can be no doubt that particular and public inquiry will be made into this matter. The people, whose all is at stake, and who have been at such vast expense to fortify and maintain that post, have a right to expect it, and the eyes of the whole continent must be turned upon it. If there is blame, let it fall where it is due.

It is said that our men behaved with great spirit in several smaller actions previous to the abandoning the forts and lines at Ticonderoga. Lieutenant Hewitt bravely repulsed a party of the enemy at Mount Hope with only 26 men. Our picket guard drove back another larger party of the enemy, and could hardly be prevented from pursuing them further than was

thought prudent. Our army was in high spirits, and under so apprehension of coming from the enemy, just before orders for that purpose were given out.

The lines lately abandoned to the enemy, it is said, were too extensive; they required a larger force to man than was on the spot. If this is true, it is much to be regretted; as it is well known that a few Canadians and Indians, the last war, without any very regular and extensive works, stopped a large British army at that natural strong pass, and gave them a memorable defeat.

Yesterday morning returned into port the cartel from Rhode Island, commanded by Capt. Prince, jun. who has brought 55 seamen, including masters of vessels, in exchange for a like number he lately carried from this port.

Yesterday last arrived a cutter from Sheepscut, which she left last Saturday morning. The skipper of which informs, that Capt. M-Niel had put in there from a cruise, with a number of officers taken on board one of the British frigates called the Fox, of 32 guns, taken by him in conjunction with Commodore Manly.

A Gentleman arrived in town last evening from Newbury Port, and informs, that he saw a Gentleman from Portsmouth, which place he left on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, who gave him an account that a cutter had arrived there from Halifax, the master of which says, that the Fox frigate, mentioned above, was retaken by a 64 gun ship, and had arrived at Halifax two days before he sailed; and that a 40 gun ship was in chase of Commodore Man.

Extract of a letter from Salisbury, July 1.

"We make two cannon of three or four pounds, about six hundred weight of shot, a salt pan that weighs about five hundred weight, and about half a ton of pig iron, every twenty four hours."

Capt. Pierce, in an armed sloop belonging to the State of Rhode Island, has taken and sent into a schooner sailing southward, a large Jamaican, with about 500 hogheads of rum, &c.

A brig laden with rum, &c. taken by the Rollind, in a privateer belonging to Salem, is sent into a schooner sailing eastward.

PROVIDENCE, July 12.

TUESDAY evening last a party of 30 men of the troops belonging to this State, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel William Barton of this town, accompanied by Major Adams of the train, Capt. Phillips, Lieutenants Potter and Babcock, and Ensigns Stanton and Wilcocks, went in five boats from Warwick Neck, with a view to take Major General Prescott, Commander in Chief of the British and foreign troops on Rhode Island, whose head quarters were then at a house about four miles from Newport. The Colonel and his party, after passing the enemy's ships and guard boats, landed about 12 at night, and with "infinite address and gallantry" got to Prescott's quarters undiscovered. A sentinel at the door hailed, but was immediately secured, and the party instantly breaking the doors and entering the house, took the General in bed. His Aid de Camp leaped from a window in his shirt, and attempted to escape, but taken a few rods from the house. The party soon after returned to their boats with the prisoners, and some time after they had put off, the enemy fired rockets from their several posts, as signals for an alarm, but too late, the bird had fled. The prisoners safely landed about day-break at Warwick Neck. On receiving the intelligence here, a coach was immediately sent, and the General, with his Aid de Camp, attended by Col. Barton, and some other officers, arrived in town at 12 o'clock. This bold and important enterprise must reflect the highest honour on Col. Barton and his little party. A Lieutenant Colonel of horse, with at least 70 light dragoons, took Major General Lee (betrayed by a Tory) five miles from his troops. A Lieutenant Colonel of foot, with only 18 privates and 6 officers, has taken a Chief Commander, when almost overpowered by an army and navy!

* See Howe's letter to the British Ministry, relative to the capture of General Lee.

FISH-KILL, July 24.

Extract of a letter from Albany, July 21.

THE last accounts from the northward are, that Major Yates (of the first New York regiment) with the troops under his command, has abandoned Fort George, but previous thereto, all the stores, to the

minuted article, were removed from thence to Fort Edward. Part of the army still remain at Skeensborough, whether they will proceed on from thence and endeavour to penetrate the country, is yet uncertain; but should they attempt it, there is reason to expect they will meet a warm reception.

Col. Skene (who is to be Governor of Ticonderoga, Crown Point, &c.) is with a body of the enemy at a place called Castleton, about 18 miles this side Mount Independence, where he is employed by proclamations, threats, and flattering speeches, to endeavour to persuade the weaker from their allegiance to the States, and remain idle spectators of the ruin, sort and depredations carried on through their country; few of them have yet joined, and there is reason to expect few will, as Col. Warner is near him with a body of troops, to oppose him in his designs.

General Nixon, with about 1000 men lies at and about Fort Ann, to obstruct the passages and intercept the enemy's scouts, of whom our people daily make prisoners. The day before yesterday five were taken between Fort Ann and Skeensborough; three of them appeared like Indians, and upon being washed, were found to be Tories, who were gone over to the enemy from the neighbourhood of Fort Edward.

General Schuyler continues his head quarters at Fort Edward, where he has a respectable army of continental troops and militia, all in high spirits. The stand will be made at Moses's creek, about 4 miles on this side of Fort Edward, a place well formed for defence.

There is nothing from the westward; all is peace there. The Six Nations are gone to hold a conference with Butler and Sir John Johnson, at Oswego; after which they sent word by two Indians they will immediately come down, and hold a conference with the commissioners at this place.

Extract of a letter from Fort Stanwix, June 27.

"There is not at present any appearance of our being attacked by the enemy: We are however making all the preparations for a defence, which the State of the garrison admits. The Six Nations are in general friendly, and seem resolved not to take an active part against us. We are not therefore under any apprehensions from the body of the Indians, though we have reason to fear some mischief will be done by flaming individuals, who do not govern themselves by the sentiments of the nation to which they belong. A recent instance of barbarity shews that this fear is not groundless; I was but just come into the fort, when we received the disagreeable news of the cruel treatment of Captain Gregg, and the murder of one Mathison, an alert private. Two Indians, about three quarters of a mile from the fort, having fired upon them, killed Mathison on the spot, and wounded the Captain in the back; after scalping them both, the savages ran off with precipitation. One of our dogs lighting upon the spot where the unfortunate victims were lying, made the first discovery; running to some of the soldiers, halting back to the tragical stage, and returning to the soldiers, with every appearance of uneasiness, he excited an anxiety in them to know what might be the cause of such extraordinary motions. This circumstance was the means of saving the life of Captain Gregg; his wounds were immediately dressed, and he now lies under the care of Dr. Woodruff, who treats him with the greatest attention and tenderness; his recovery is probable. A number of Sachems and warriors from the Oneida Castle and Eriksie, soon waited upon Col. Granfevout, and expressed their sorrow for the accident, asserting their innocence, throwing the blame upon the Tory Indians, and declaring their readiness to use every means to discover the murderers and bring them to justice, a number of them went out with our scouting parties, to find out the villains, but they returned without coming up with them."

Twenty six sail of the enemy's shipping, said to be in the Sound a few days ago, are arrived at Rhode Island.

PHILADELPHIA, August 2.

Extract of a letter from CAPE MAY, dated July 31, 1777. five o'clock.

AT eight this morning the fleet stood off, steering E. N. E. and are now out of sight, and have been there three hours. This morning I was, with many others, of opinion they were bound up the Delaware; but, as they could have got in this morning, and did not, I am now of opinion they are making a feint; if so, they have a fresh wind at S. S. W. which will carry them to the eastward very fast. I believe their whole fleet was in sight, though I could count only one hundred and ninety sail. I shall send off an express if the fleet appears.

The people of England are in daily expectation of receiving the news of Philadelphia's being in the hands of their Generals. Every ship that arrives, they are looking for the important intelligence. With what

M A D R I D, April 5.

The English Ambassador having obtained an order to oblige Mr. Lee, who is said to be charged there with a commission from the Congress, to quit the kingdom, answer was made him, that his demand was contrary to the law of nations, and that the said Mr. Lee, therefore, should not be disturbed during his residence in Spain.

L O N D O N, April 9.

The Earl of Suffolk, after a short introductory speech, delivered the following message, which was read by the Lord Chancellor.

“GEORGE R.”

“It gives his Majesty much concern to find himself obliged to acquaint this House with the difficulties he labours under, by reason of debts incurred by the expences of his household, and of his civil government; which being computed on the fifth d y of January last, do amount to more than 800,000l. His Majesty, relying on the loyal and affectionate attachment of this House to his person and government, which he has experienced on so many occasions, doubts not of their readiness to concur in enabling him to discharge this debt; and for making some farther provision for the better support of his Majesty's household and dignity of the crown.”

G. R.”

The Earl of Suffolk then presented to the House copies of all the accounts respecting the civil list, and the titles thereof were read by the clerk. His Lordship then moved, “that his Majesty's message be taken into consideration on that day to-morrow, and the House summoned,” which was put and agreed to.

April 12. On Thursday the Lords with white staves waited on his Majesty at St. James's, with the address voted by the House of Peers on Wednesday, in answer to his Majesty's message relative to the debt of the civil list. To which address his Majesty made a most gracious answer.

The House of Commons, in a Committee of Supply, on Wednesday, came to the following resolution:

Resolved, that there be granted £. 612,340. 9s. 6d. to his Majesty, to discharge his debts and arrears due and owing upon the civil list to the fifth of January last; and that for the better supply of his Majesty's household, and for the honour and dignity of the crown, there be granted to his Majesty, during his life, out of the aggregate fund, the clear yearly sum of 100,000l. to commence from the fifth of January, over and above the 800,000l. settled on his Majesty, by act of Parliament, on his accession to the throne.

April 13. The last despatches from Sir Basil Keith brought advice that four more men of war of the line, and three frigates, were arrived at the Havannah from Old Spain; and that the whole force in that harbour at present is eleven sail of the line, from sixty six to eighty guns, seven frigates, six fireships and four xebecs. They have also seven thousand of the best troops of Spain there, and a numerous staff of General officers; these advices have given infinite anxiety to Administration.

Extract of a letter from Portsmouth, April 15.

“Arrived at Spithead his Majesty's ship Exeter, Captain Moor, who fell in with a French ship of seventy four guns, prepared for action; the Exeter hailed her, and desired a boat might be sent on board; her answer was, she had none; on which one of the Lieutenants of the Exeter went on board to inquire into the reasons of their behaviour, as their guns were pointed, and men in the top with small arms, when the French ship, it is said, shewed him their orders from the French Court, which were, to protect any American ships in their seas.”

Extract of a letter from Boulogne.

“On the 24th of February last, being St. Matthew, the clerk of a little village called Ande Seritte, between Calais and Boulogne, being obliged to attend divine service, left his wife at home, who expected to be brought to bed every hour, and a little boy about seven year old. The man had no sooner left his house, than a woman, who was a neighbour, came to visit his wife. After the first salutation was over, the visitor told her, that when she was made acquainted with the reason of her visit, she imagined it would not be very agreeable to her. Alarmed at this, the good woman asked her what it was she wanted? She replied her money, or her life. Upon which the poor creature, unable to defend herself, gave her the keys of her money, which she took; but not being satisfied with her booty, she demanded to go into the cellar, as she knew there was a quantity of pickled pork, which she insisted upon having. When she was in the cellar, the good woman thought it a fit opportunity to secure her. Accordingly she locked her in the cellar, and immediately despatched the little boy to call his father home from church. In the mean time she secured the doors of the house, and retired to her chamber. The little boy was met on his way to the church by the husband of the woman that was now confined in the cellar. He demanded of the boy where he was going? The boy told him, to call his father from

church, as his mother was ill. He stopped the boy, and took him back to the house. Knocking at the door, the woman being above stairs, looked out of the window, and asked what he wanted? He insisted upon being let into the house; but she refused. Upon which he threatened to kill the little boy. The poor distressed mother said it was better the innocent child should suffer than she and her babe within her. Accordingly the villain, with the barbarity that would disgrace a savage, took a large knife and instantly cut the boy's head off, and held it up to its much afflicted and unhappy mother. The murderer then was resolved to set his wife at liberty, and murder the distracted victim. He immediately got a ladder, and mounting the roof of the house, determined to go down the chimney. Upon which he went down stairs, and as the chimney was wide, saw him descending. In a moment she piled a considerable heap of straw (which was near at hand) upon the hearth, and set fire to it. This had the desired effect, he dropped very nigh suffocated with the smoke. She was as well prepared to receive him as her miserable condition would admit of. She gave him some blows, as he lay upon the hearth, with a large stick she had; but observing him to revive a little, she took the knife from his hand, with which he had just before murdered her innocent child, and cut off his head. At this juncture, the husband returning from church, saw his beloved child lay on the ground a headless corpse, and his door locked. Raving and distracted he immediately, with assistance, broke open the door; where he found his wife almost dead, as she had swooned, and the villain upon the hearth without his head. It is impossible to form an idea of his situation. After proper means were used, the unhappy woman was so far recovered as to give some account of what had happened. Accordingly the cellar was searched for the author of this bloody scene, who was immediately conducted to Boulogne prison, with the head and body of her lifeless husband. Justice in this instance is soon put into execution. I mean to be present at the execution of this wretch, and shall, in a future letter, give you an account of his behaviour, &c. (Kent. Gaz.)

From the PENNSYLVANIA PACKET.

THE mind of the people at this time, is like that of a man slumbering under the oppression of an uneasy dream; they feel something wrong, without discerning what it is, or where it lies. The affair of Ticonderoga may be considered as a combination of errors involving themselves into mysteries. The errors committed are so various and contradictory, that they can scarcely be explained or reconciled. The several returns of our numbers, the state of the army, and the provisions, all disagree. General Schuyler laments, in most pathetic terms, that he should be supposed to have given the least intimation for evacuating Ticonderoga; yet, if General St. Clair's account, dated the fourteenth of July, from Fort Edward, and now published, be fully admitted, it proves that General Schuyler must either be wrong in his judgment, or very unacquainted with the real condition of the fort and garrison; either of which must render him incapable of commanding that post by proxy. It seems the expectation of the public to have this matter fully investigated, and it is hoped the arrival of General Arnold in the northern department will throw some light upon it.

How the several commanders have acquitted themselves, time and circumstances can only discover; but those who look deeper than the superficial, are of opinion the arrangement of the northern department contained in itself the seeds of its own destruction. General Schuyler was at once Quarter Master General, Commissary of provisions, and commander of the whole northern department, including Ticonderoga, which place he never was within an hundred miles of. How is it possible that a person so circumstanced and situated, can be a judge of matters as he ought, know what orders to give, or be able to write intelligence? The prevailing opinion is, had General Gates remained, Ticonderoga had not been lost to this and the neighbouring States. The consequences may be very distressing to the whole continent. It is therefore the duty of every man to exert himself in time.

TOBAGO (Scarborough) June 2.

AT a court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol delivery, held here this day, came on the trial of the Hon. Peter Franklyn, Esq; one of the members of his Majesty's Council for this island, on an indictment for the murder of the late Governor Younge. He was honourably acquitted, although unexpectedly deprived of two material witnesses; but the evidence on the part of the Crown could not support the indictment. The jury hardly went out of court.

B O S T O N, July 10.

WHEREAS many persons have believed it to be impossible to bore cannon that have been cast solid; this matter is past doubt, seeing there is at present in the park of artillery now in the common, two

pieces carrying 12 pound ball, one of brass, the other of iron, which were both cast solid at Tiverton, and were bored solid, by the new machine established at Bridgewater, upon the model and proportions given by Louis Mareuil, Colonel in the artillery, and chief founder of brass and iron cannon in this State.

By two American sailors, who made their escape from a British transport, lying in Halifax harbour, and arrived in town last Tuesday, from Machias, we are informed, that the British pirate frigates *Milford* and *Scarborough* lay in Machias harbour; they came there with an intention of compelling the inhabitants to take the oath of allegiance to the tyrannic King and Parliament of Britain. The *Milford* sent up Machias a boat with a Lieutenant, Midshipman, and 9 seamen, with an intent, it is thought, of making discoveries; but they said as a flag. The Machias patriots not thinking proper to take such noted liars words, thought proper to secure them; and they are now confined in the town. These two men were draughted from among a number of other American prisoners, on board the above-mentioned transport, to man her, from whence they made their escape.

By the Hessian prisoners arrived here last Wednesday we learn, that the recruits sent from Hesse were forced into the service; and many of them imprisoned before they embarked. This violence occasioned great fermentations and tumults among the people; which their knavish and arbitrary Prince was not able to suppress without great difficulty. His subjects privately call him *The Soul-Seller*.

In the cartel arrived here on Saturday from Halifax, came Captain Sampson of the State brig *Independence*, Lieutenant Sanders, of the ship *Alfred* of war, Lieutenant M'Coy, of Col. Erving's Pennsylvania regiment, a number of other officers, sailors, &c. They all agree in one story, that is, that ever since they have been captives with the enemy, they have been treated in the most severe and inhuman manner, that it is beyond the power of pen and tongue to describe. And they will not exchange old countrymen; but compel them at the point of the bayonet, to go on board their pirate ships, as seamen. *This is the treatment which our brethren receive from our implacable, blood-thirsty enemies, and which the humane, polite Mr. Howe (in his letter to his Excellency General Washington) calls humanity.*

NEW LONDON July 4.

LAST Wednesday Capt. Ezekiel Rogers in a sloop, returned from Huntington, Long Island, has sent a flag from this port, and delivered a British prisoner on board the ship *Swan*, and on his return off Say Brook, he was boarded by a small sloop, tender to the British sloop *Halifax*, the commander of which put Capt. Rogers and his people into the vessel's hold, and proceeded with his sloop as far as Huntington; and when they came in sight of the *Swan* they let him go, after plundering him.

Capt. John Chester, in an armed boat from Middletown, has taken in the Sound a schooner, laden with wood and flour, bound from Long Island to New York, and sent her into Connecticut river.

The following vessels have lately been sent into New York, by British cruizers, viz.

Schooner *Nancy*, Isaac Taylor master, belonging to Howell and Douglass, of Philadelphia, taken February 27th.

Schooner *Apollo*, William Forsyth master, belonging to Pringle and Caldwell, taken May 26th.

Brig *Escape*, Benjamin Weeks master, from Maryland, bound to H. P. inola, taken 15th of April, in the Gulf Stream, by the *Mermad*, after 13 hours chase.

FISH-KILL, July 17.

WE are credibly informed, that the insatuated Tories, who have been deluded by the spacious promises of Barton, Brown, Bulkirk, and others, have, now too late, had their eyes opened. Among other things they were assured of returning to their families by the 1st of April, and if not, being carried out of the province, but presuming to repine at their hard fate, the grumblers have been clapped on board transports, in irons, &c.

Mr. LOUDOUN,

Albany, July 11, 1777.

A report has been industriously propagated that the medicines in the northern department were left at Ticonderoga when our army retreated from that place, I conceive it a duty to inform the public, through the channel of your paper, that the medicines are saved, and were sent off to Fort George some days before the retreat, a very inconsiderable part thereof having only fallen into the hands of the enemy.

JONATHAN POTTS, D. D. General.

NEW YORK, July 10.

DIED, in this city, on Sunday last, of a wound he received in a late action in New Jersey, Mr. Edward Kerin, volunteer in the 2d light company, son to Terence Kerin, Esq; of this place, in the 27th year of his age.

Saturday last the Liverpool frigate arrived here from England in eight weeks, and brought over Sir Henry Clinton, Lord Thomas P. Clinton, Lord Rawdon, Lord W. Murray, Captain Drummond, and Captain Emmerick.

A sloop from Demarara, for New London, Joseph Walden master, with 60 hogheads of rum, was sent in here last Saturday, by the Richmond frigate.

On Monday last eleven transports, with the provisions for the army, and two Lieutenants, two serjeants, two corporals, and two hundred privates, as a reinforcement to the 2d regiment, arrived here from Cooke.

July 14. Last week the Honourable Brigadier General Leslie had the misfortune by a stone turning under his foot, on Staten Island, to break his leg, but is in a fair way of doing well. It is a public loss at this critical time to be deprived of the service of this able and experienced commander.

PHILADELPHIA.

In CONGRESS, July 25, 1777.

RESOLVED, that Congress have a just sense of the merit of Lieutenant Colonel Meigs, and the officers under his command, who distinguished their prudence, activity, enterprize, and valour, in the late expedition to Long Island; and that an elegant sword be provided by the Commissary General of military stores, and presented to Lieutenant Colonel Meigs.

Resolved, that Congress have a just sense of the gallant behaviour of Lieutenant Colonel Barton of a militia regiment of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and the brave officers and men of his party, who distinguished their valour and address in making prisoners of Major General Prescott of the British army, and Major William Barrington, his Aid de Camp; and that an elegant sword be provided by the Commissary General of military stores, and presented to Lieutenant Colonel Barton.

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'y.

TAKEN up, in the lower End of York County, a BLACK MARE about 4 Feet 2 or 3 inches high, has a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, branded on the near Buttock something resembling S. Posted, and appraised to 42s. (21) GILES MORRIS.

STANTON, July 25, 1777.

TO BE LET, for one Year, or a Term of Years, the large commodious House and Store formerly occupied by Roger North, deceased. The House is situated on the main Street in this Town, and has every necessary Convenience for a Merchant or Tavern-keeper. For Terms apply to (64) CATHERINE NORTH, Adm'r.

All Persons indebted to the Estate are desired to settle their Accounts, and those who have any Demands, to apply for Payment to CATHERINE NORTH, Administrator.

WHEREAS Peter Prossy Thornton, Esq; of Northumberland County, has, by his Letter, constituted and authorized me the Subscriber his lawful and acting Attorney during his Absence from this Commonwealth, this is to request and advertise all Persons who have any Demands against him, being properly authenticated, to apply for Payment thereof; and that every Person who is indebted to him, will immediately settle their Accounts, and pay the same, that the said Attorney may be speedily enabled to satisfy and adjust all Matters relative to the Affairs of the said Peter Prossy Thornton. (21) JOHN MACKAY.

TO be sold, at public Vendue, on Monday the 18th Instant (*August*) if fair, otherwise the next four Days, at the North Landing, *Princetons* Anne County, the Sloop *MERIDITH*, built of Cedar, with all her Tackle and Apparel, agreeable to Inventory, to be seen on the Day of Sale, is exceedingly well found, with all small Sails, &c. and well stowed, about 900 or 1000 Bushels Burthen, and have down ready to take in a Cargo. Also, on the 19th Instant will be sold, in the same Manner, another Cedar sloop, called the *INDEPENDENCE*, as the above lies on Shore, about 10 Miles to the Southward of Cape Henry, with her Tackle and Apparel, agreeable to Inventory, to be seen on the Day of Sale, she is one Year old, about 1200 Bushels Burthen, well found, and may be got off at an easy Expence. (21) PHRIPP & BOWDOIN.

surprize will they hear that General Howe has thrice undertaken the expedition, twice by land and once by water; that his heart has both times failed him, and that he has not dared to put the matter to the trial; that less than three thousand men insulted him in New Jersey, and confined his whole army in New Brunswick; that when he started to march at a few miles from that place, our brave countrymen chased him from the state; and when his fleet and army, changing their route, arrived at the mouth of the Delaware, the very report of our preparations melted their hearts, and they shrunk back baffled in their so long boasted enterprise?

On the 9th of May last, the sloop Liberty, Capt. Treene, with four hands, belonging to Egg Harbour, homeward bound from St. Eustacia, was met within soundings, about sun-rise, by the Lark frigate, of 32 guns, Capt. Smith, who fired several shot at the sloop, and about four o'clock she heve to, when the Lark ran her down, the anchor of the sloop striking her under her whale overfet her; Capt. Treene and two of the hands caught hold of the anchor, and got through the port holes on board the Lark, but were threatened to be knocked with handspikes, to prevent their getting on board; the other two men were left on the wreck, the sea sometimes washing them off, but by swimming they recovered it again; a packet in company bore down and passed by the wreck, and the men waved their hats, begging their assistance, but no attention was paid them. The sailors on board the Lark offered to go to their assistance, but no orders were given for that purpose, and the two men continued, and probably perished on the wreck. The above was sworn to before a magistrate by one of the sloop's people that got on board the Lark, who lately arrived in this city.

Extract of a letter from LewisPown, dated July 30, 1777. Wednesday morning ten o'clock.

"By this express you will be certain the fleet is in sight, and at this time about four leagues from the lighthouse. There are two hundred and twenty eight sail. The wind is about N. N. E. and they about S. E. from the capes. They, to all appearance, will not be in till the afternoon."

WILLIAMSBURG, August 15.

LASL night an express arrived here from the Eastern Shore, with advice that a large fleet, consisting of upwards of one hundred and fifty sail, were then in sight, within about thirty miles of our capes, but whither they are going we have not learnt.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

FREDERICKSBURG, July 29, 1777.

THE Subscriber begs Leave to inform the Public that he has opened a COFFEEHOUSE in the House lately kept by Mrs. Julian as a Tavern, on the main Street in this Place, where Gentlemen may be genteely accommodated with Lodging, &c. for themselves, Servants, and Horses. (H) MERIDITH MUSE.

WILLIAMSBURG MANUFACTORY, August 11, 1777.

FOR Want of an Hemp-Mill we have not been able to answer the continual Demands on us for dressed Hemp, but we have a Mill now erecting, and hope shortly to be able to accommodate our Customers.

We give ready Money for Cotton, Wool, Flax, and Hemp, and continue to dress the two last of these Articles for others, in the best and most expeditious Manner. Our Price for heckling is one sixth Part of the gross, Flax or Hemp. (2H) JOHN CRAWFORD, Manager.

TO BE SOLD, for ready Money, or likely young Negroes, 631 Acres of LAND lying in Charlotte County, on both Sides of Louisa Creek, conveniently situated to several stated Places of Worship, to several Fisheries on Staunton River, within 10 Miles of the Countys, and there is on the said Land two very good Plantations, with pretty good Improvements on each, both as to Buildings and Orchards, one of said Places lies on a public Road, where is now a Tavern kept to considerable Advantage, and at the other is a very good Grist Mill, which brings in about 100 Barrels of Grain per Year. For Terms apply to the Subscriber, on the Premises. EDMOND BREWER.

N. B. There is a great Plenty of excellent Meadow Land on the same.

WE the Subscribers, at the Request of Mr. George Trible, hath this Day reviewed a Lot of Land drew in Colonel Moor's Lottery, No. 21 (as we are informed) and think it worth sixteen Pounds and no more. Certified under our Hands, this 3d Day of January, 1776.

ROGER QUARLES.
CARR McGEHEE.
NATHAN LUCK.

WANTS Employment, and is now at Leisure, a Master Workman in the various Branches of the Cabinet Business, chiese, gothic, carving, and turning; is well acquainted with the Theory and Practice in any of the grand Branches of the five ancient Orders, viz. Ornamental Architectis, gothic, chiese, and modern Taste, &c. also Colonades, Porticoes, Frontpieces, &c. to Doors; compound, pick Pediment, and plain Tabernacle Chimney Pieces; chiese, ramp, and twist Pedestals; geometrical, circular, plain, and common Stair Cases, and sundry other Pieces of Architect too tedious mentioning. My chief Desire is to act in the Capacity of Superintendent, or Supervisor, over any reasonable Number of Hands, either in public or private Buildings. I have an elegant Assortment of Tools, and Books of Architect, which I imported from London and Liverpool.

(2H)

MARDUM V. EVENGTON.
N. B. I am at present at Capt. Richard Baugh's, in Chesterfield, near Bermuda and Shirley Hundreds.

WESTOVER, August 1, 1777.

THE earnest Desire I have to settle the Affairs of the late Col. Byrd obliges me again to request the Favour of all Persons who have Demands against his Estate to make them known, and that they would furnish me with their Accounts, stated from their first Transfession with that Gentleman. These Accounts I should be glad to receive as soon as possible, as I am anxious to give his Creditors every Satisfaction in my Power. I am, in a particular Manner, to entreat those Gentlemen who may have been employed to collect Monies for Colonel Byrd to furnish me with a State of his Affairs in their Hands; and as many Judgments may have been entered against his Debtors in different County Courts. I will thankfully pay the Clerks for Copies of such Judgments. Those Persons who may not have convenient Opportunities to appear will please to send the Papers I have requested to Mr. Jerman Baker, near Petersburg, who will pay any Expence of Postage, or for Copies of Judgments, as above desired. MARY BYRD, Executrix.

N. B. It appearing, from Colonel Byrd's Books, that very large sums are due to him for Lottery Tickets, and on other Accounts, it will be taken particularly kind of his Debtors to be speedy in making Payment. (4)

FOR SALE,

FOR ready Money, 700 Acres of LAND in Prince Edward County, about 50 Miles from Petersburg, and 35 Miles from Warwick, is exceeding good for Grain, in good Order for tanning, and for working 8 or 10 Hands, the Land is exceeding level, well watered, in a healthy situation, and has a good Ring for Stock; there is on it a commodious Dwelling House with 5 Rooms, and every Convenience necessary for a Family, all in good Repair. An undoubted Title will be made the Purchaser, and Possession given in October, when 50 Bushels of Rye will be given on the Place. I would also sell a small Tract of 80 Acres, within a Mile of the above Land, through which runs a fine stream, and where there is a fine situation for a Mill.

ROBERT DONALD.

WARWICK, August 11, 1777.

WANTED, at Hunter's Iron Works, the Falls of Roanoke River, in the Manufactury of small Arms, a Number of Hands who understand the File, also Anchor Smiths, Blacksmiths, Nailers, Wire Drawers, Card Makers, Fine Cutters, Sash and Broad Cutters, to whom suitable Encouragement will be given; where may be had, for ready Money only, Bar Iron, Fullers Shears, Files, and a Variety of Articles made in the Iron Branch, and where Traddlers of every Kind, who incline to settle, may have Half Acre Lots of Land at a small Ground rent for ever, and may be assisted in building, Provision, and Materials, and the Produce of their Labour taken in Payment for the same. Apply to John Stride, Manager of said Works.

Negro Traddlers in any of the above Branches, also Cooper, would be preferred on Purchase, for ready Money.

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Capt. THOMAS MATHEWS, of the 4th VIRGINIA Regiment.

S I R,
YOU are immediately to repair to the Commonwealth of Virginia, as Superintendent of the recruiting Service for your Regiment. You are therefore to make particular Inquiry into the Conduct and Behaviour of the Officers, and examine their Accounts as often as is consistent with the Good of the Service. The Officers who apply to be appointed, or meet with the worst Success, you are to dispatch to join the Regiment as soon as your recruiting Officers can make up 50 Men. This Rule you are to observe during your Residence in Virginia, as Men in small Parties generally meet with better Accommodations than when in large Bodies. You are once a Month to transmit me an Account of the Conduct and Proceedings of each Officer, in Order that the active, diligent, and obedient, may be taken proper Notice of, and the indolent and careless punished as their Crimes deserve. Any Matters not particularly mentioned in these Instructions are left to your own Prudence and Discretion. — Given at Middle Brook Camp, July 8, 1777.

CHARLES SCOTT, Brigadier General,
ROBERT LAWSON, Lieutenant Colonel,
Command the 4th Virginia Regiment.

WILLIAMSBURG, August 5, 1777.

THE recruiting Officers of the 4th Virginia Regiment are desired to attend at Mr. Southall's, in the City of Williamsburg, on the first Day of September next, with their recruiting Accounts properly stated, in Order to make Settlement, and receive such Instructions as are absolutely necessary for the Good of the Service.

(11)
THOMAS MATHEWS, Captain,
Superintendent of the recruiting Service
for the 4th Virginia Regiment.

T O B E S O L D,

TO the highest Bidder, on the 10th of September next, in small Lots, at the Pitch Landing, in Northampton County, North Carolina, about 7 or 800 Bushels of SALT, 600 lb. of GUNPOWDER, and 160 lb. of INDIGO, of the best Quality.

JOHN COWPER & Co.

CABIN POINT, Aug. 8, 1777.

TO be rented, or leased, on Friday the 22d Instant (August) on the Premises, two Plantations in the lower End of Surry County, belonging the Estate of William Ruffin, deceased. There is on one a Dwelling-House with five Rooms below and three above, a good Kitchen, Storehouse, Stable, two new Granaries, and other necessary Outhouses; upon the other a Dwelling-House, Kitchen, &c. the Plantations are under good Fences, and in fine Order for Cropping.

(11) JOHN H. COCKE, Exec.

TO be sold, on the 1st Day of September next, at the Shipyard in Nominy, Westmoreland County, a BRIGANTINE, now on the Stocks.

ELIZABETH LEE.

To Messrs. DIXON & HUNTER.

BUTE, North Carolina, July 24, 1777.

I SAW in your Paper dated the 4th Inst. wherein Mr. Henry Montfort has advertised a Tract of Land lying in the above County, containing 1500 Acres, for Sale, I purchased the Land of George Martin, and I desire Mr. Montfort, or any other Person that may incline to become a Purchaser, to take Notice I claim the said Land as my Right and Property.

(11)

PHILEMON HAWKINS.

Messrs. DIXON & HUNTER,

FINDING my Name mentioned in an Advertisement by one Richard Phillips, of Louisa County, with Circumstances of Disgrace, which the Circulation of your Paper may publish beyond the Limits of his or my immediate Acquaintance, or the Reach of any personal Satisfaction his audacious Fallacy may entitle me to take of him, I am compelled, in my own Justification, to make this Appeal to the Public. Some Months ago, being sick in Bed, I received a most abusive and insulting Letter from Phillips (whose Name as well as Person I was an entire Stranger to) requiring me to meet him at Bedford Courthouse with a Negro of his, who he said was in my Possession; though the Behaviour of Mr. Phillips on this Occasion merited Nothing but Disregard and Contempt, yet, desirous of knowing on what Foundation he could claim any Negro I had, I wrote him a true Account of my Situation, and how impossible it was for me to meet him at that Time, and appointed him a Day to meet me at Mr. John Brown's, in Cumberland County, a Place much nearer his own Home, and more convenient to me, on Account of other Appointments. For what Reason Mr. Phillips did not think proper to meet me there I know not; but from a Discovery of some of his previous Manœuvres, a very shrewd Conjecture will immediately occur: Mr. Phillips, it seems, had been some Time in Confederacy with Julius Deane and John Dyer, two notorious Horse Thieves; many Letters and Consultations passed, which at Length ended in a most notable Plan to steal a Negro they heard I had in the Watonga Settlement, and with this Laudable Resolution they set out under the Conduct of Deane, but, unfortunately for them, the Leader of this Virtuous Triumvirate before they reached their Place of Rendezvous was seized by the Hand of the civil Magistrate and committed to Salisbury Gaol, for endeavouring to live by the Practice of his Profession. Had Phillips and Dyer been honoured with the same Notice, the public Prints might have brought us something more worthy of Notice than the base and wicked Calumnies of so atrocious a Slanderer. If I should be thought to have departed in any Degree from the Line of common Decency, let the Provocation I have received be my Excuse. I am sorry to recriminate, but Mr. Phillips's unjust and unprovoked Attack upon me, has made it necessary. For aught I know, his Reputation may have been formerly respectable; if so, he must excuse me for applying to him, the homely old Proverb, "Birds of a Feather, &c." The World will judge him by the Company he keeps. That he may have been told what he thus confidently asserts, is possibly true; but if his Author be worthy of the smallest Credit, I ought to be called to a stricter Account, than having it published in a Gazette, and to such I am always ready to answer. But let Mr. Phillips beware of thus publicly defaming Characters, upon the Information of such Men as he has of late associated with. The barefaced Inconsistency of his Performance may not be thought to deserve so elaborate an Answer; but the barefaced Audacity of Mr. Phillips deserves much severer Treatment; and I trust the Public will excuse me for thus breaking in upon their Amusements, by holding up the base and malicious Slanderer as an object of general Execration.

JOSEPH COOK.

ESSEX COUNTY, July 24, 1777.

ALL Persons who have any Demands against the Estate of Ambrose Wright, deceased, or against my Wife, are desired to bring in their Accounts by the 1st Day of September, that they may be adjusted and paid, as I shall receive none after that Time; also those indebted to the above, are desired to make speedy Paymet

(11)

JAMES BOOKER.

TAKEN up, in Orange, a dun coloured black HORSE about 4 Feet 4 Inches high, branded on the near Shoulder H, with a small Bell and Leather Collar, is about 12 Years old, with some Saddle Spots. Posted, and appraised to NINE POUNDS.

(11)

JAMES COURSEY.

TAKEN up, in Southampton County, one PIED BULL YEARLING unmarked, 3 Year old, more white than brown. Posted, and appraised to TWENTY FIVE SHILLINGS.

(11)

JOHN WILSON.

THE Steward and Collectors of the College Revenues are desired immediately to send to *John Taxerwell, Esq;* Burfar, a particular State of their Accounts; and all Surveyors in Arrears, are required to come and settle the same, by the last of *October*, or they may depend on having their Commissions superseded.

JOHN BRACKEN, Clk. of the Meeting.

WHEREAS I purchased a Tract of Land lying on *Mattaponi River*, in the County of *King William*, of Mr. *Thomas Moore*, which formerly belonged to his Father, Col. *Thomas Moore*, deceased, and gave Mr. *Moore* my Bonds for the Purchase Money, since which a Suit has been entered against Mr. *Moore* and myself in the County Court of *King William*, in Chancery, by the Administrators of *John Robinson, Esq;* deceased, to stop or attach the Money in my Hands, in Order to satisfy a Debt due to them from Col. *Thomas Moore*, I therefore give this public Notice of it, to prevent an Assignment of my Bonds, as I am advised I cannot safely pay the Money to any Person who may hold the Bonds, until that Suit is determined.

CARTER BRAXTON.

HUNTINGTOWN, June 30, 1777.

TO BE SOLD, on very reasonable Terms, about 1200 Acres of very rich TOBACCO LAND on each Side of great *Ducker's Creek*, in the lower End of *Buckingham County*, near *Appamattox River*. On this Land is a well built House with two Rooms on a Floor, with a Porch, necessary Outhouses, and an excellent young Orchard. I really do not know any richer high Ground than is on this Tract. Also a Plantation, with a good Orchard, on each Side of little *Willis's Creek*, containing about 1000 Acres of good Land. On both Places are a great Plenty of good Meadow Land, and a fine Range for Stock. I believe no Part of *Virginia* is more healthy than these Parts. I would rent a Place called the *New Store*, where Captain *Johns* lives. There is a Dwelling-House with 3 Rooms on the lower Floor, a Merchant House, a Store-house, &c. is an exceeding fine Place for a Store or Ordinary, and lies in Sight of where the great *Buckingham Road* joins the *Guinea Road*, and there are no other Roads leading to our extensive back Country nearer than these by *Buckingham* and *Prince Edward* Courthouses.

I have not the least Doubt but *Appamattox River* will be cleared in a little Time. I hope our next Assembly will take it into their Consideration. Tobacco has been carried above this Place to Col. *Banister's* Mill; and the Canoe Men says that it is a much better River to carry Tobacco down than *James River* is. I will allow a reasonable Credit for Part of the Money. If any Person is inclinable to purchase one or both of the above mentioned Places, and will come and view the Land, I dare say they would not hesitate to give me the Price I should ask. The Land joins the Tract I live on. An indisputable Title will be made to the Premises. The first and third Place Possession will be given at *Christmas*, and the other Place in *October*.

ANTHONY WINSTON.

N. B. I shall advertise the Land but three Times.

PORTSMOUTH, July 25, 1777.

WHEREAS I formerly advertised to go to the *West Indies*, and to return again. All Persons that have any Demands on me may apply to Mr. *John Bonnett*, Mr. *Thomas Stewart*, or Mr. *Alexander Montgomery*, my Attornies in *Portsmouth*, also any Person that is inclinable to pay any of their Debts due to me, may apply to the said Gentlemen.

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BENJAMIN BANNERMAN.

TO BE SOLD for Cash, at public Auction, on Monday the 11th of *August*, before Mr. *Galt's* Door in *Richmond Town*, about 500 Barrels of FLOUR, and 10,000 lb. of BACON. The Sale will begin at two o'Clock in the Evening.

JOHN MAYO.

WILLIAMSBURG, August 1, 1777.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD

FOR apprehending and delivering to the Commandant of this Place CHARLES SMITH of *Henrico County*, a stout well formed Mulatto, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, who deserted from me on my March hither about 10 Days ago. The Thumb and fore Finger of his left Hand are somewhat contracted.

JOHN SHARPE, Serj. to Capt. *Pope*

TO BE LET, the building of BARRACKS at *York* of Dimensions sufficient to accommodate 150 Men. Such Persons as may be willing to undertake the Work, are desired to attend the Council Board, at the Capitol, in the City of *Williamsburg*, with their Proposals, on the 13th Day of this Month.

[August 1, 1777.]

By Order of the Council,
ARCHIBALD BLAIR, C. C.

FOR Sale, a Tract of LAND in the lower End of *Spotsylvania*, containing about 500 Acres, with a new Dwelling-House 18 by 24, three Rooms and a Closet below, and three Rooms above, with a good Kitchen, and all other Houses necessary, together with a fine young Apple and Peach Orchard, and lies on the Branches of *Mattaponi* about 15 Miles from *Fredericksburg*. The Terms may be known by applying to the subscriber, on the Premises.

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DINWIDDIE County, July 15, 1777.

THE Subscriber hath for Sale about 6000 Acres of LAND near the old Town of *Peytonburg*, in the County of *Pittsylvania*, which in *Amelia County* would sell from 40s. to 3l. per Acre, on which are several small Tenements and Plantations. Also 6000 Acres on the Waters and Branches of *Hico* and *Dan Rivers*, in the County of *Halifax*, on which are likewise several small Plantations and Improvements. Also 6000 Acres in the County of *Mecklenburg*, in different Parts of that County. Likewise several small Pieces of Land in the Counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Brunswick*, containing about 400 and 500 Acres each.

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ROGER ATKINSON.

FOR SALE, three Thousand Acres of Land, lying on the Banks of *Rappahannock River*, in the upper Part of *Lancaster County*, nearly opposite *Urbanna*, and stretching three Miles along the said River, esteemed remarkably good, most of it flat low Grounds, with many valuable Improvements, a beautiful Situation with a good Dwelling House and all convenient Offices about the centre of the Tract, and other new Buildings on other Parts of said Land. The Whole to be surveyed and sold, either together or in Lots, as may be most convenient to the Purchaser or Purchasers. This Land has all the Advantages of Creeks, Fish, Oysters, and every other that a Situation in the lower Part of the Country affords; is attended with the Advantages of a good Harbour for Trade, all the Stocks of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, and 200 Sheep, may be had with the said Lands. For Terms apply to *Henry Armistead, Esq;* on the Premises, or to *Thomas B. Griffin, Esq;* near the same, who are invested with competent Powers to dispose of the Whole.

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BURGES BALL.

TAKEN up, in *Amelia County*, between the *Butterwood* and *Green Church*, a large BAY HORSE, both hind Feet white, some Saddle Spots, about 7 Years old, 5 Feet 2 or 3 Inches high, branded on the near Buttock I W, had on a small Bell, goes well, is lame in the left hind Shoulder, and has had a fore Back. Potted, and adpraised to 30l.

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FRANCIS WHITE.

FOR SALE, a Tract of LAND containing 444 Acres in the County of *Dinwiddie*, on *Nottaway River*, near *Lew Jones's* Bridge, within 35 Miles of *Petersburg*, the Land is good for Tobacco and all Kinds of Grain. There is about 150 Acres of choice low Grounds, a charming Apple Orchard, and a tolerable Dwelling-House 18 by 26, together with a Kitchen, Dairy, Smokehouse, &c. For Terms apply to the Subscriber, on the Premises.

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JOHN CLAYTON.

For Sale, by DIXON & HUNTER,

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EXPLAINED AND DIGESTED,

Under proper TITLES.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

Full and correct PRECEDENTS of all Kinds of PROCESS necessary to be used by Magistrates; in which also the Duty of Sheriffs, and other public Officers, is properly discussed.

By RICHARD STARKE, Esquire.